## UNITED STATES COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

RICHARD H. PENN AND ELLYN B. PENN

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Defendant.

# **COMPLAINT**

Now comes the Plaintiffs, Richard H. Penn and Ellyn B. Penn, a married couple, and complains of the Defendant United States of America as follows.

## **PARTIES**

- The Plaintiffs, Richard H. Penn and Ellyn B. Penn, are a married individuals with a current residence of 85 Sevland Road, Newton, Massachusetts 02459.
- 2. The Defendant is the United States of America.

#### **JURISDICTION**

3. Jurisdiction over this action is conferred upon this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1131, 1340 and 1346.

### **FACTS**

- 4. On or about April 14, 2016, the Plaintiffs through their accountants filed for an automatic extension to file their United States individual income tax return for the 2015 tax year.
- 5. The October 15, 2016, extended deadline to file the 2015 return fell on a Saturday, therefore, per IRC § 7503, the deadline was extended to Monday October 17, 2016.

- 6. On Monday October 17, 2016, the Plaintiffs through their accountants filed a timely filed their 2015 United States joint individual income tax return.
- 7. On October 14, 2019, the Plaintiffs through their accountants filed a timely amended joint individual income tax return for the 2015 tax year via FedEx.
- 8. The amended return claimed a refund of \$411,666.00.
- 9. As indicated on the FedEx tracking slip, the amended tax return was delivered to the Internal Revenue Service on October 16, 2019.
- 10. Per the mailbox rule under IRC § 7502, the date of the United States postmark stamped on the cover in which a return is mailed shall be deemed to be the date of delivery.
- 11. On November 29, 2019, the Plaintiffs received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service indicating the IRS disallowed their claim for refund in the amount of \$411,666.00 for the 2015 tax period.

#### **CLAIM FOR REFUND**

- 12. The Plaintiffs incorporate by reference paragraphs 1 through 11, above.
- 13. The Plaintiffs overpaid their joint 2015 income tax liability by \$411,666.00 and made a timely claim for refund.
- 14. The plaintiffs are due a refund of their overpayment of their 2015 income tax liability.
- 15. The letter from the IRS dated November 29, 2019, incorrectly states the claim for refund was not filed within the applicable three-year statute of limitations.
- 16. The Plaintiffs amended 2015 joint individual income tax return claiming a refund of \$411,666.00 was timely filed.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court find that:

- 1. Plaintiffs made an overpayment of their 2015 income tax liability in the amount of \$411,666.00;
- 2. Plaintiffs are due a refund for tax year 2015 from the United States of \$411,666.00 of tax plus appropriate interest; and
- 3. Any other relief deemed appropriate by this Honorable Court.

Respectfully Submitted,

Plaintiffs Richard H. Penn and Ellyn B. Penn

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